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JOHN WILLIAM CRUICKSHANK, ET AL, ITSP FORGING AND UTTERING CONSPIRACY OO: SAN FRANCISCO.

ON MARCH 7, 1978 SAC, SAN FRANCISCO ADVISED FBIHQ AS FOLLOWS: ON MARCH 6, 1978, ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (AUSA) ROBERT CAREY ADVISED THAT THE TRIAL OF THE CAPTIONED SUBJECTS WAS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 24, 1978. CAREY ADVISED THAT UNLESS THE SUBJECTS PLED GUILTY, THE TRIAL WOULD DEFINITELY START ON THAT DATE. WITNESSES NEEDED IN THE PROSECUTION OF THIS CASE ARE MR. AND MRS. ALBERT SEALEY CURRENTLY RESIDING IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. ON MARCH 6, 1978, LEGAL ATTACHE IN TOKYO CONTACTED MR. SEALEY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TOKYO, JAPAN. AT THAT TIME MR. SEALEY EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO TO TESTIFY AT THE TRIAL. MR. SEALEY ALSO RELATED THAT MRS. SEALEY WOULD ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY. THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HAS ADVISED IN THE PAST THAT THE TESTIMONY OF MRS. SEALEY IS ACTUALLY MORE CRITICAL TO THE CASE THAN THAT OF MR. SEALEY. THE U.S. ATTORNEY IS REQUESTING THAT MR. AND MRS. SEALEY MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS

## TO ATTEND THE TRIAL.

AUSA CAREY FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO SET UP A STIPULATION REGARDING THE TESTIMONY OF MR. AND MRS. SEALEY. THIS, HOWEVER, REQUIRES THE CONCURRENCE OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS IN THIS CASE. MR. CAREY ADVISED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PURSUE THIS MATTER AND THAT IN A MATTER OF TWO WEEKS HE SHOULD HAVE AN ANSWER. IF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WOULD STIPULATE TO THE TESTIMONY OF MR. AND MRS. SEALEY, THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTICIPATES PLACING A TELEPHONE CALL TO MR. AND MRS. SEALEY AT WHICH TIME THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AND THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS. IT SHOULD BE REALIZED THAT THIS STIPULATION IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON THE COOPERATION OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED IN RECONTACTING MR. SEALEY UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RELAYING THIS INFORMATION TO HIM. A RETURN REPLY IS REQUESTED FROM SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING THE SEALEYS TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO. UNQTE VANCE

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